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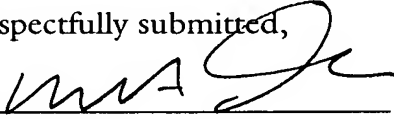
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LIST OF REFERENCE MATERIAL

1. JP, A, 11-501232 (US, P, 5,585,642)

Relevancy of the reference is mentioned in the description of the specification.

2. US, P, 5,895,926

The reference is continuation of application Pat. No. 5,585,642 (the reference No.1).

3. US, P, 4,870,287

The reference disclose a proton beam therapy system for selectively generating and transporting proton beams from a single proton source and accelerator to selected ones of a plurality of patient treatment stations.

4. US, P, 5,260,581

The reference disclose a method of treatment room selection verification in a beam therapy system. The method compares treatment room beam request signals with a beam path configuration signal from a switchyard which controls the path of beam travel from an accelerator to one of the treatment rooms.

5. JP, A, 2001-85200

The reference disclose an accelerator system including an ion source, pre-accelerators and a selector electromagnet for introducing the ion beam accelerated by the pre-accelerators into either the radioisotope producing unit or the synchrotron.

6. US, P, 6,580,084

The reference is an application claiming priority to JP, A, 2001-85200 (the reference No.5).